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Notification of Project Receiving Environmental Review

Date:	December 5, 2016
Case No.:	2014.1010E
Project Address:	**Sixth Street Pedestrian Safety Project**
Zoning:	NA
Block/Lot:	NA
Lot Size:	NA
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project sponsor, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), proposes to design and construct transportation and streetscape improvements along the approximately 0.7-mile-long segment of Sixth Street between Market and Brannan Streets (see Figure 1). The Sixth Street Pedestrian Safety Project (proposed project) is being developed in response to the findings of the City's WalkFirst Pedestrian Safety Initiative and Vision Zero, which identified the Sixth Street corridor as having the highest concentration of severe and fatal pedestrian injuries in the city. Between 2009 and 2013 pedestrian collision rates along Sixth Street were ranked among the highest in the city, with the Market Street/Sixth Street/Taylor Street/Golden Gate Avenue, Howard Street/Sixth Street, and Mission Street/Sixth Street intersections ranking first, second, and third, respectively.

The proposed project would make multi-modal enhancements to Sixth Street to improve safety and access for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and automobile users. The project site extends six blocks from the southern edge of San Francisco's Downtown/Civic Center neighborhood on the north side of Market Street through the South of Market (SoMa) neighborhood to Brannan Street and the Interstate 280 on- and off-ramps. The project site encompasses the 82.5-foot-wide public right-of-way, including the street and sidewalks, along the entire length of Sixth Street between Market and Brannan Streets. The proposed project consists of the following improvements:

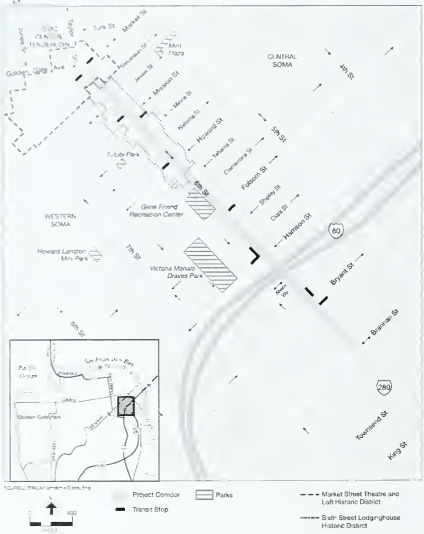
- A reduction in the number of vehicle travel lanes on Sixth Street between Market and Bryant Streets (from four lanes to two lanes), achieved by removing one travel lane in each direction;
- Sidewalk widening on both sides of Sixth Street between Market and Howard Streets;
- Removal of peak-period tow-away lane designations on each side of Sixth Street between Howard and Brannan Streets and the restoration of full-time parking;
- New curb bulb-outs at all Sixth Street intersections between Market and Howard Streets and at Folsom and Harrison Streets and the re-striping of crosswalks crossing Sixth Street at each major intersection between Market and Brannan Streets;
- New raised crosswalks along Sixth Street at the alley entrances between Market and Howard Streets and at Clementina Street;
- New traffic signals on Sixth Street at Stevenson and Natoma Streets and the striping of new crosswalks across Sixth Street at all alleys between Market and Howard Streets;
- The establishment of new bicycle lanes on each side of Sixth Street between Market and Folsom Streets;
- New roadway striping to introduce left-turn pockets, right-turn pockets, and a center turning lane at multiple locations along Sixth Street; and
- Signal timing modifications at most existing signalized intersections along Sixth Street.

In conjunction with changes to the traffic circulation patterns, Americans-with-Disabilities-Act-compliant curb ramps would be installed at all intersections between Market and Brannan Streets (where currently missing); new and replacement intill street trees (between Market and Howard Streets) would be planted; and other streetscape improvements such as pedestrian-scale light fixtures, new trash receptacles, new bicycle racks, and landscaping in the street furniture zone and at corner bulb-outs would be installed. Illustrations of the existing conditions and the proposed changes along Sixth Street between Market and Howard Streets are shown in Figure 2.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The project is being studied by the Planning Department's Environmental Planning Division to determine its potential environmental effects. No environmental documents have been issued for this project. Public comments concerning the potential environmental effects of this project are welcomed. In order for your concerns to be fully considered or to ensure your receipt of future environmental review documents for this project, **please contact the staff identified above by December 19, 2016**. This notice is routinely sent to community organizations, owners of the properties adjacent to the project site, and other potentially interested parties. Anyone receiving this notice is encouraged to pass on this information to others who may have an interest in the project. In addition, this notice can be viewed online at www.sfmta.com/6thSt.

Figure 1: Sixth Street Corridor



Environmental review provides information on physical environmental effects and does not make recommendations on the project itself. Other review or approval actions may be required for the project. These actions may involve further public notification and public hearings. If you have comments on the proposed project that pertain to matters other than physical environmental effects, please note the file number and call Charlie Ream **at (415) 701-4695 or** charlie.ream@sfmta.com. **Para sa impormasyon sa Tagalog tumawag sa: (415) 701-4695.**

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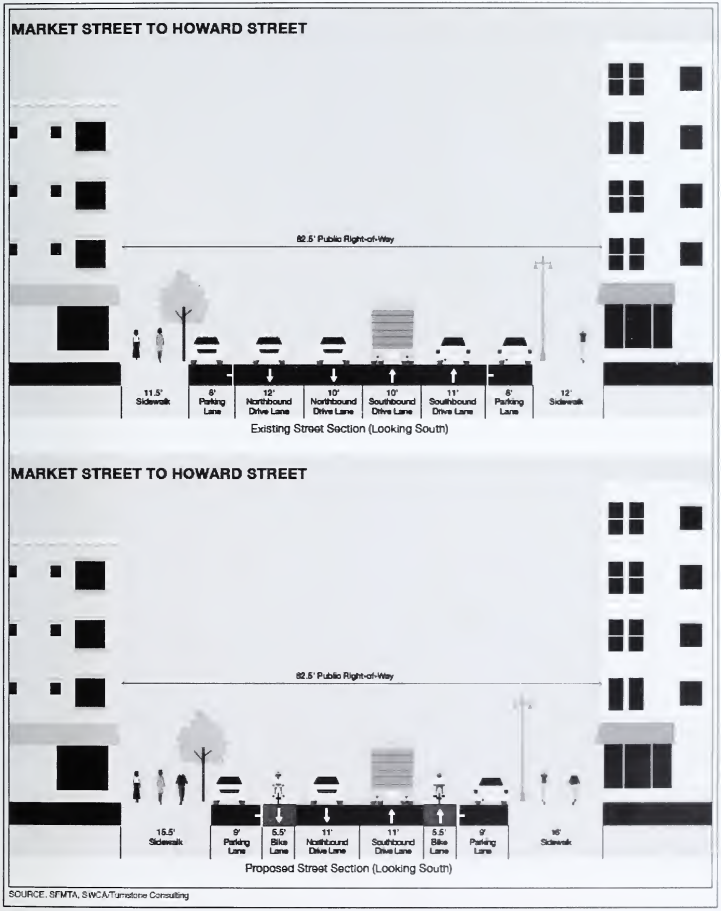
Figure 2: Existing Conditions and Proposed Improvements between Market and Howard Streets



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